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## Price list for April 1942

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In their season---

Graviss, Ark.

Old fashion Daffodills, several varieties, long season mixed, suitable for naturalizing \$1. per hundred.

Iris, 40 varieties, mixed, mostly unlabelled

Penstemon digitalis 10¢ each.

Spring Beauty (*Claytonia virginica*) in bloom first of April,

Tooth ort (*Dentaria lancinata*) " " "

Iris Cristata blue with gold, good ground cover under trees,

" " amethyst good for shady rock or wall garden

Spring Avens (native Geum) attractive winter foliage, rock garden,

Alum Root (*Heuchera americana*) " "

Per. Autumn Sunflower (*Helenium divaricata*) tall, late, deep shade,

Tall Lobelia (*Lobelia siphilitica*) blue, tall, late bloomer,

Cardinal Flower (*Lobelia Cardinalis*) red, low, late bloomer,

Mist Flower (*Eupatorium coelestis*) blue, late, deep shade,

Green Dragon (*Arisaema dracontium*) rare cousin of Monk in the pulpit, hardy, spring blooming perennial. Seed heads ornamental.

Wood Betony (*Pedicularis canadensis*) also called housewort; tern-like leaves dark red in early spring, flowers yellow on good stems for cutting. Indifferent to soil but needs shade.

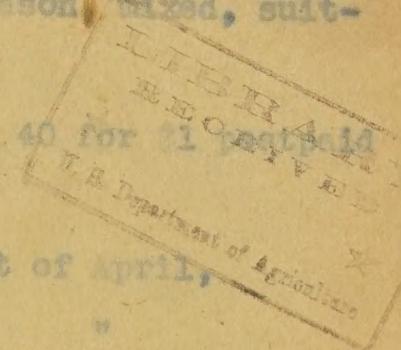
Partridgeberry (*Michelia repens*) popular Christmas decoration. Hardy ground cover for deep shade; must have acid soil; fruit edible.

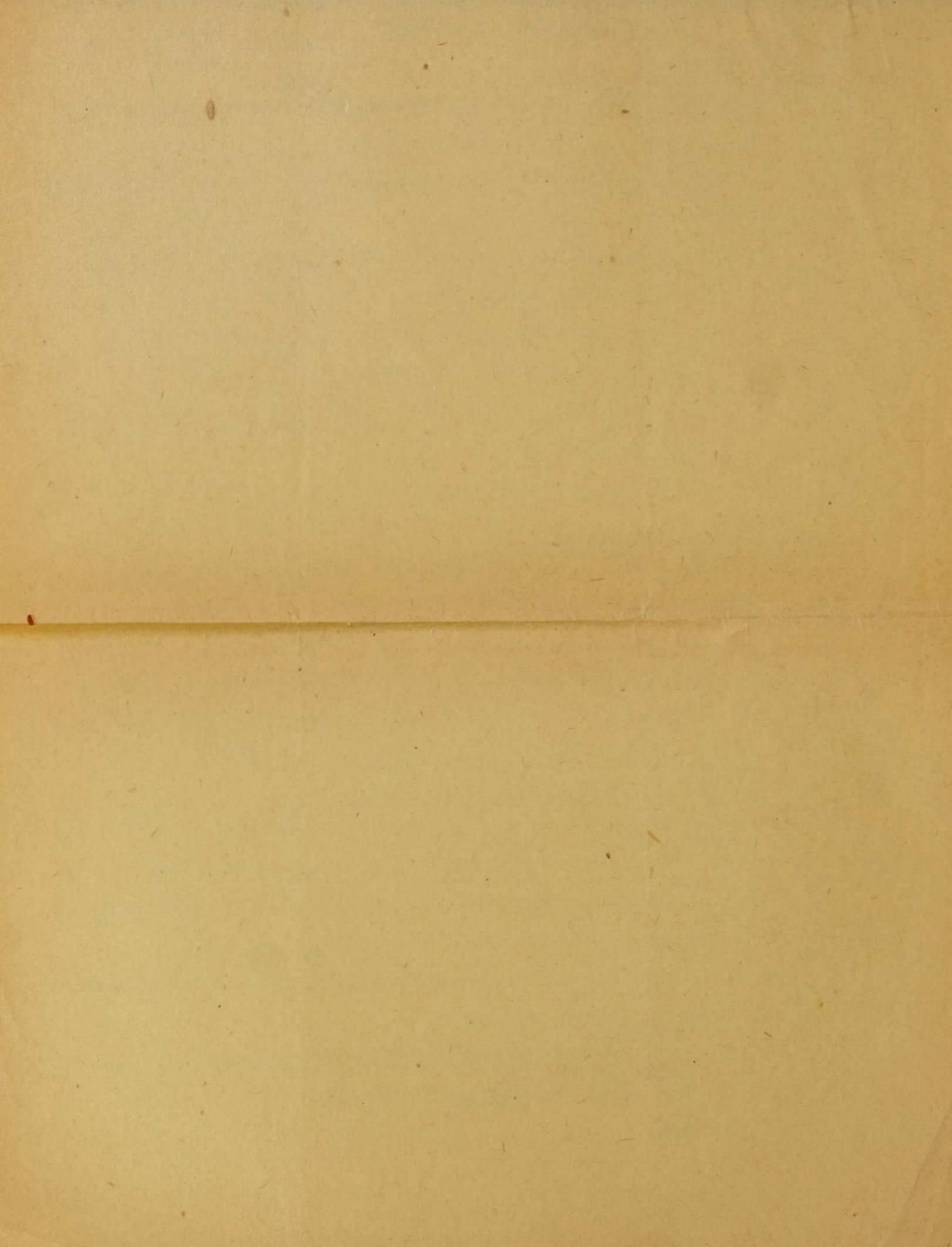
Clump Verbena (*Verbena canadensis*) also called wild Verbena; not up last day of March, very late this year. Poor soil, full sun.

Wood Sorrel (native *Oxalis*) hardy perennial, leaves almost as ornamental as the flowers. Leaves edible.

Three varieties of native Violets blooming in succession.

Birdsfoot Violet, hardy perennial. In good neutral soil blooms again in late autumn.





Squaw Weed (*Senecio aurens*) also called Golden Ragwort. I do not recommend it for small gardens, as it spreads rapidly.

Green Briar--- vine--- roots used for pipes,

Virginia Creeper, per., vine, leaves dark red after frost,

Potentilla, semi vining, good ground cover for deep shade, appearing here in February.

Ferns now ready---- Christmas, Ebony Spleenwort, Woodsia and Resurrection. Too early yet for Bracken and Lady Ferns.

Cultivated Violets---- white good late winter bloomer in house if you have a dependable cat. Mice crazy for the tiny buds.

Confederate Violet, usually follows white in blooming. My favorite.

Hemerocallis--- *Rwanso*, *Fulva* and *Flava*.

Red Tradescantia, so called from cold weather coloring of the leaves  
One of the native Spiderworts.

Prunella, hardy, low growing early blooming herb with purple flowers in spikes. Leaves coarse, poor soil, full sun.

Sedums in quantity---- *Garmentosum*, very hardy, flowers yellow; one sent me labelled *Glaucum*, much like *Album* but turns bronzy in winter; one sent me labelled *Fosteristum*, much like *Glaucum*, but more open growth and shows more red; an unidentified one with grey green leaves and at times attractive undercolor; *Acre*; *Sexangulare*; *Album*; two which are in dispute among botanist who have seen them, some claiming that No. 26 is the rare pink flowered *Stoloneferum* and that No. 28 is the still rarer *Stoloneferum coccineae*; others, that both are unusual *Spurium* hybrids.

Have only small quantities of *Kamchaticum*; one sent me labelled *Persifolia*, leaves much like *Spurium* but bigger at times; *Maximowiczii*; *Sieboldi*; *Ellencombianum*; *Mexicanum*; a form of *Pulchellum*; deciduous form of *Album*; *Lydium glaucum*; *Spectabile alba*; *Spectabile Brilliant*;



and others not identified to about 40.

Except where noted, all above plants 5¢ each. Postage paid on orders of 50¢ and over. Less than that please add 5¢. Cash with order.

House plants---- *Kalanchoe* commonly called Chinese Temple 10¢

*Bryophyllum* very attractive blooms 10¢ each

*Crassula schmidtii* 10¢ each, ready May first.

very dark red Wandering Jew 5¢ each.

*Talinum* commonly called Pink Baby's Breath, tender perennial can be treated as an annual. Ready in May.

Sedum Collection of interest to dealers and Garden Clubs, 100 well rooted small clumps, my selection, \$2. postpaid. Buyer to write me whether fewer varieties and more plants of each, or more varieties and fewer of each is preferred.

7 well rooted Sedums, my selection, all different, chosen for ease of culture and good winter coloring 25¢ postpaid.

I usually have many varieties of seeds and plants on trial each spring. Increase will be for sale but I cannot foretell.

Unless hindered by advancing cost of paper, the seasonal changes in my stock of native and cultivated plants will require a new list every few weeks. A copy of each issue for 12 issues will be mailed for 25¢. Address Laura D. Cole, Grammis, Ark.

#### Notes for Victory.

"Thou shalt therefore obey the voice of the Lord thy God and do His commandments and His statutes."

The Lord promises increasing blessings and development for those who sincerely obey His laws; but if we think His laws are outmoded and we



can improve on them, He leaves us to our own devices, just as He did the Jews in Jeremiah's time.

Bluets and Violas will soon be gone. This spring I learned that the pink Bluets and also the pure whites appear much later than the others.

The Daffodils hav mostly been secured by exchanges with my mountain neighbors. All are old varieties, but cover a long season of bloom and can take care of them selves.

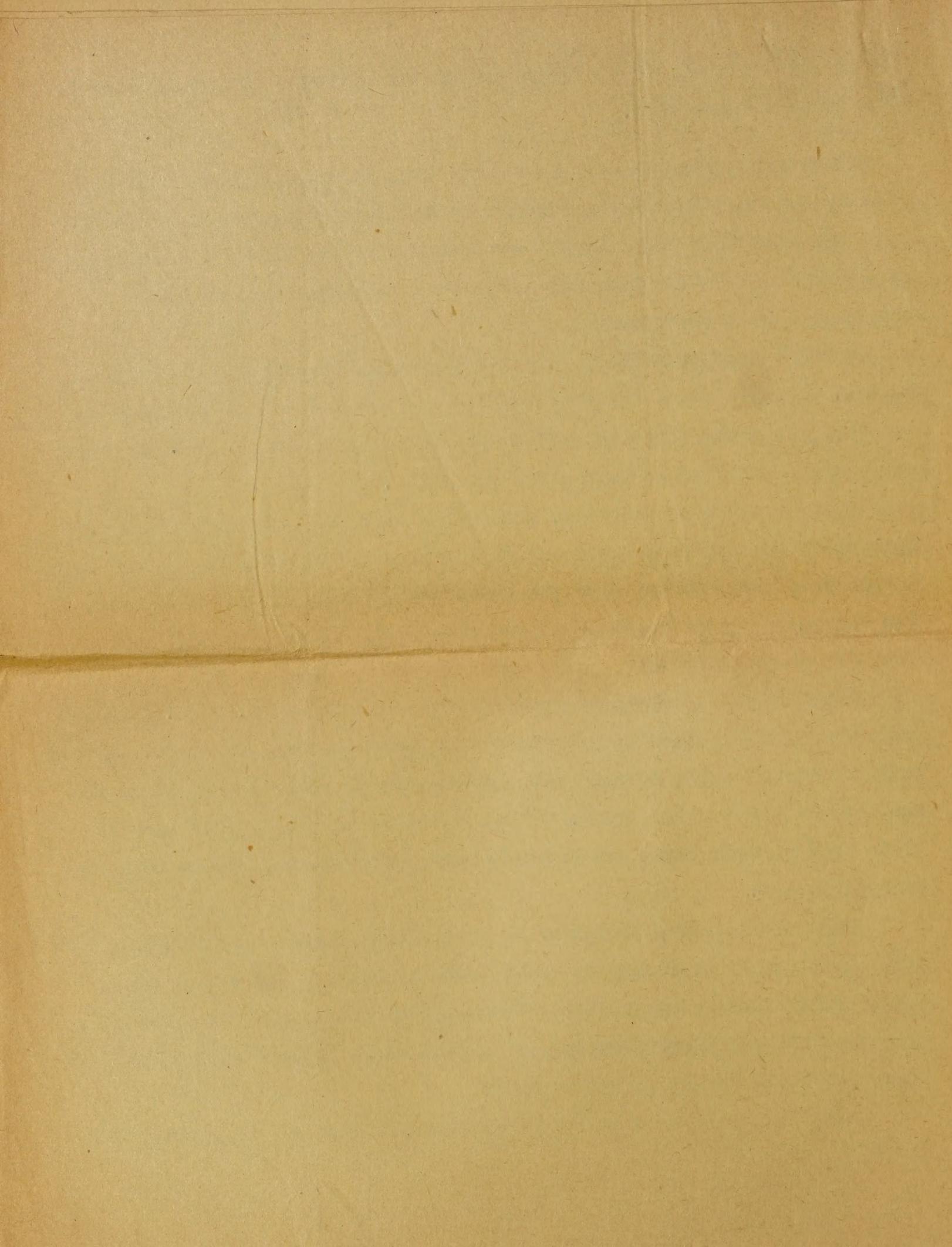
The Iris were originally selected for our own taste and are planted on Mrs. Miller's farm. Unfortunately we are located in a free cattle range and they, breaking into the garden, scattered the labels; hence we cannot certainly identify more than a few varieties.

This season very peculiar. May Apples usually bloom in early May. I was out in the woods the last day of March. Tall Lobelia, Cardinal Flower, Autumn Sunflower, Mist Flower and Penstemon digitalis not up yet. Some of the May Apples di not have their parasols open, others carrying buds already showing white.

Mist Flower is listed by most writers as a sun lover. Alas! they are only too correct. Give it full sun and it tries to take the place. Give it only an hour of early morning sun, and you may be able to keep it in the bed, if the bed is big enough. I find it native in deep shade, such as shade loving Ferns need, and there it makes good plants, blooms well and behaves itself.

Wood Betony leaves beginning to turn green; also setting buds. I find this plant rather difficult to move; probably because one can scarcely avoid ~~hurk~~ breaking some of the fleshy roots. But if one has a bit of a streamlet through their grounds, it is well worth trying to get Betony to grow under the trees, near the water.

The four varieties of Ferns listed st id with us all winter, but



now are looking worse than the Last Rose of Summer; but the Christmas Ferns were beginning to put up fiddleheads a week ago. Too much rain for me to get to the woods since then.

Before the white man came and messed things, Indians could count on Partridgeberries for a nice winter dessert, stewed and sweetened with honey. Now I doubt if I could gather a cupful of berries in a day. Am not certain of the cause of this decrease. The vines thrive and still bloom freely, and I suspect the few berries setting is due to lack of bees. The Indians treasured bee trees--- the whites slashed them down and left the bees to starve.

The Red Tradescantia still has no guessing. Retains it's leaves all winter in a red mat on the ground (how my goats do love to slip in and graze it). The common blue Spiderwort dies down entirely each fall and I have not found any up yet. Both blue and red genes must be in the Red for I find it on claybank hillsides in filtered sunlight, and the bloom is a deep maroon. I lift it almost with prayer, bring it home and set it in much better dirt, in full sun or light shade, and only the Lord Himself knows what color the flowers will be the next year. All carry both blue and red, ranging from palest lavender, through near blues to a true purple but I can promise the buyer only that the cold weather foliage will show red.

Prunella flourishes on soil too poor and clayey to raise better flowers; but when in bloom the sheets of purple are really attractive.

This past March brought more snow than many entire winters, and plenty of rain in between. I tried to take pneumonia, but the genuine pneumonia bug failed to bite me. What did, put up a pretty good imitation, throwing me badly behind in filling orders and typing price lists.

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